Subject: Odessa Drums Polrep 2

March 24, 1995

ODESSA DRUM CO., Odessa, Ector Co. TX

FROM:

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TO:

Director ERD

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POLREP No.: 2

Site ID # Z2

TXD008012254 Response Authority: CERCLA

Action Memo Status: Signed July 11, 1994

Start Date: January 9, 1995

CERCLA incident category: Inactive waste management facility

#### SITE DESCRIPTION:

The Site is an abandoned drum reconditioner which operated from the early 1960s until 1990. Over 100,000 drums were left onsite when the PRPs abandoned the site. The 10 acre site is located in a mixed industrial/residential area on the outskirts of Odessa. Corrosive, and organic materials, and heavy metal contaminated waste have been found in the drums and soil onsite.

# SITUATION:

#### Current Situation:

Over 100,000 drums are stacked on the 10 acre site. A removal action is underway which will remove and properly dispose of the drums and their contents. Rivas Environmental Consultants (REC) are conducting the removal action under a site specific contract.

# Removal Actions to Date:

As of March 21, 1995, approximately 14,000 drums have been removed from the site to metal recycling. REC is removing drums at a pace of 500 to 700 drums per day. The drums with something in them have been staged and are waiting for sampling and identification. The Base period of the contract is expected to be complete on or around March 31, 1995 when the first quadrant of drums will be removed (est. at 19,200).



### Planned Removal Actions:

#### PHASE

- I Removal and dispose of all drums and their contents
- II Determine extent of soil contamination
- III Excavate and dispose of contaminate soil

# NEXT STEPS:

Continue the removal of drums in the first quadrant. Activate the Option 1 of the contract for the second quadrant of drums (app. 40,000 drums).

# **KEY ISSUES:**

The contractor performing the work is working under a site specific contract rather than the standard Emergency Response Cleanup Services (ERCS) contractor. Significant savings in the funds both extramural and intramural are expected. The contract was put in place with the assistance of the Small Business Administration. The contractor, Rivas Environmental Consultants, is a small disadvantaged, minority owned business or 8(a) firm. The portion of the Advice of Allowance for extramural contracts in the Removal program in Region 6 going into this contract represents approximately 20% far more than Administrator Browner's goal of 8%.

# COST INFORMATION:

AS of 3/10/95

Cleanup contractor: \$156,525.86

DISPOSITION OF WASTE:

No disposal to date.